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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For	:	METHOD OF SYNTHESIZING NUCLEIC	)	
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**CERTIFICATION STATEMENT ACCOMPANYING  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.97-1.98**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.97-1.98, applicants hereby bring to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office the enclosed references listed on the accompanying PTO/SB08a form. Each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement (“IDS”) was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the IDS.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(ii), a copy of the cited U.S. Patent is not enclosed. A copy of the cited foreign patent reference is enclosed herewith. Also enclosed is a copy of the European search report (the communication referenced above). References 3-5 listed in the European search report are not cited on the accompanying IDS, because these references are already of record.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(c), no fee is required. If additional fees are required, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 14-1138.

Respectfully submitted,

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